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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the enclosed English translation of the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.